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SUBJ: CHAUDHURI CANDIDACY WIPO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

REF: STATE A-8330; NEW DELHI 12772 AND 12819

1. DEPT PLEASED TO LEARN OF GOI SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY DR. ARPAD BOGSCH FOR POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO).

2. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ONLY HIGH-LEVEL WIPO OFFICIAL TO BE ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 19-27 WIPO ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS WILL BE THE NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL TO SUCCEED PRESENT INCUMBENT BODENHAUSEN, WHO IS RETIRING.

3. UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THE NOVEMBER WIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL BE A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH FOUR DIRECTORIAL POSTS, E.G., FOUR DEPUTY DIRECTORS GENERAL, OR TWO DEPUTY DIRECTORS GENERAL AND TWO ASSISTANT DIRECTORS GENERAL. IT IS NOT RPT NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME WHETHER THE WIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL APPROVE THESE POSTS. IT IS ONE OF THESE HIGH-LEVEL POSTS TO WHICH CHAUDHURI ASPIRES.

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4. IF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSTS IS APPROVED, THE

PROCEDURE THEN TO BE FOLLOWED WILL BE FOR THE NEW WIPO DIRECTOR GENERAL TO SELECT AT A FUTURE DATE NOMINEES FOR THE DIRECTORIAL POSTS. AS THESE NOMINATIONS MUST BE

APPROVED BY THE WIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH NORMALLY MEETS TRIENNIALLY, A SPECIAL MEETING OF THIS BODY WILL BE CONVENED FOR THAT PURPOSE IN 1974. IN ORDER TO HOLD THE SPECIAL WIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING AT A CONVENIENT TIME AND TO SAVE EXPENSES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION, IT WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER 1974, WHEN OTHER WIPO ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETINGS.

ACTION REQUESTED:

5. THE EMBASSY MAY MENTION TO KANTI CHAUDHURI THAT HE IS KNOWN TO OFFICIALS OF THE DEPT AND OF THE US COPYRIGHT OFFICE. THE EMBASSY MAY INFORM HIM THAT THE USG WILL GIVE FULLEST CONSIDERATION TO HIS CANDIDACY IN 1974. THE EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO POINT OUT TO CHAUDHURI THAT UNDOUBTEDLY THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR A HIGH-LEVEL POST IN WIPO WHICH ALL MEMBER STATES OF WIPO WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER.

6. FYI. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE SEVERAL ASPIRANTS TO THE HIGH-LEVEL POST IN QUESTION. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE REPORTEDLY ARE CANDIDATES FROM SENEGAL, CAMEROON AND MEXICO. ONLY WHEN IT IS KNOWN WHAT CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED OFFICIALLY BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS WILL THE DEPT BE ABLE TO COMMIT ITS SUPPORT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL. INDIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON RAISED QUESTION OF INDIAN WIPO CANDIDACY INFORMALLY WITH DEPT AND HAS BEEN GIVEN SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE.END FYI. RUSH

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